

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES

November 5, 2008
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California, 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

LESSA BECK	<u>X</u>	BILL HURST	<u>E</u>
MICHAEL BIFANO	<u>X</u>	MARSHALL SHERRILL	<u>X</u>
BENJAMIN BUSH	<u>X</u>	BARBARA SMITH SHERRILL	<u>X</u>
SILVIO DILORETO	<u>X</u>	SKIP SZYMANSKI	<u>E</u>
ANN FRYSLIE	<u>X</u>	SCOTT WEXLER	<u>X</u>
DANIEL HERLINGER	<u>X</u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	<u>X</u>

X = Present

A = Absent

E = Excused

Officers: Marshall Sherrill Chair, Ben Bush Vice Chair & Barbara Smith Sherrill Secretary
Staff Present:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (RHMTF) was conducted in compliance with the standards set by the Americans with Disability Act. No members from the public were present to address the RHMTF.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of September 3, 2008: Bruce Wollenberg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting. Silvio Di Loreto seconded the motion and it passed.

4. CITY ADVISORY GROUP RECRUITMENT:

A. *Mediator Resignation Deadline and Terms to Expire:* Esther Aguilara resigned during the month of October.

Incumbents: Michael Bifano (Tenant) appointed in 2000, Ann Fryslie (Homeowner) appointed in 2005 and Bill Hurst (Homeowner) appointed in 2005 terms are scheduled to expire 12/31/08.

B. *Application Deadline, Interviews and Appointments:* November 3, 2008, was the application deadline for the six vacancies on the Task Force: Two Homeowners; One Landlord; and Three Tenants. Interviews are scheduled to be held in Council Chambers on November 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 pm, 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm respectively.

5. ELECTION OF RHMTF OFFICERS:

November 5, 2008: The election of the RHMTF Officers was held. The past years Officers were: Marshall Sherrill Chair, Ben Bush Vice Chair and Barbara Smith Sherrill Secretary. The group conducted open nominations for Officer positions. Marshall Sherrill made a motion to nominate Ben Bush as Chair and Barbara Smith Sherrill as Vice Chair. Dan seconded the motion and it passed. Silvio Di Loreto nominated Lessa Beck as Secretary. Scott Wexler seconded the motion and it passed.

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6. OUTREACH:

A. *Santa Barbara Rental Property Association:* The Santa Barbara Rental Property Association held a Property Management 101 Seminar on October 22, 2008. Andrea Bifano attended the Seminar and provided a brief presentation on the RHMTF. She also recruited for the Landlord vacancy on the Task Force.

B. *Santa Barbara City College:* Marshall Sherrill stated that an outreach would be held at Santa Barbara City College on November 18, 2008 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Campus Center Patio. Ben Bush, Bruce Wollenberg and Silvio Di Loreto volunteered to assist in the outreach.

7. RHMTF PROGRAM UP-DATE TO CITY COUNCIL:

Held on October 7, 2008: Sue Gray reported on Staff's presentation to City Council on October 7, 2008, regarding the RHMTF Program and budget. An article written on October 6, 2008, in the Santa Barbara News Press titled, "City Seeks Money For Rental Task Force" was distributed to the Task Force.

8. CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATION TRAINING:

A. *Statistical Reports:* The statistical reports for the months of September and October 2008 were distributed.

B. *Up-date on training held on October 15, 2008:* The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara held a mediation training on October 15, 2008. The trainer was Gina Rae Hendrickson. Silvio DiLoreto, Skip Szymanski, Ann Fryslye and Andrea Bifano attended.

9. ANOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements were shared.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.